

January 14, 2016

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Washington State
Department of Ecology
Environmental Review Section
PO Box 47703
Olympia, WA 98504-7703

Subject: <u>ENVIRONMENTAL (SEPA) THRESHOLD DETERMINATION</u>

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the Environmental Determination for the following project reviewed by the Environmental Review Committee (ERC) on January 11, 2016:

SEPA DETERMINATION: Determination of Non-Significance Mitigated (DNSM)

PROJECT NAME: Lake to Sound Regional Trail – Segement A

PROJECT NUMBER: LUA15-000257, ECF, SSDP, S-CUP, S-V

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Please refer to the enclosed Notice of Environmental Determination for complete details. If you have questions, please call me at (425) 430-6593.

For the Environmental Review Committee,

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Kris Sorensen
Associate Planner

Enclosure

cc: King County Wastewater Treatment Division
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Ramin Pazooki, WSDOT, NW Region Larry Fisher, WDFW Duwamish Tribal Office US Army Corp. of Engineers

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



# ENVIRONMENTAL (SEPA) DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE - MITIGATED (DNS-M)

PROJECT NUMBER: LUA15-000257, ECF, SSDP, S-CUP, S-V

APPLICANT: King County Parks, Attn: Jason Rich, Capital Projects; King Street

Center, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor; 201 S. Jackson St.; Seattle, WA 98104

PROJECT NAME: Lake to Sound Regional Trail - Segment A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant is requesting SEPA Environmental Review, a Shoreline Conditional Use Permit, a Shoreline Variance, and a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit to improve an existing informal 1.2-mile trail within the cities of Tukwila and Renton with a 12-foot wide paved trail and new bridge over the Black River. The proposal is part of a larger 16-mile Lake to Sound Trail that links Lake Washington to Puget Sound. Additional approvals for the Tukwila portion of the trail are required. A Renton Shoreline Variance from RMC 4-3-090.D.2.d.ix.f is required for the trail areas located in wetland buffers because the proposal exceeds a 4-foot width and is paved. In Renton, the trail is located on city owned and railroad owned parcels that are zoned Commercial Office (CO) and Resource Conservation (RC). In Tukwila, the trail is located on private and public parcels that are zoned Heavy Industrial (HI) and Low Density Residential (LDR). The trail area within Renton is located in the Black River-Springbrook Creek 'Natural' shoreline and associated wetland buffers. Within Tukwila, the trail is located within the 200-foot Green and Black River shoreline buffer regulation areas. Parts of the trail are located in the 1995 DFIRM Floodplain area. 1,500 cubic yards of grading and 3,000 cubic yards of fill are proposed. Trees would be removed along the trail alignment and within shoreline buffer areas. 98,297 square feet of mitigation and planting areas are proposed with native species. Other project elements include a new pedestrian crossing at Monster Road, undercrossings of railroad bridges, retaining walls, fences, signage, and stormwater improvements. Work would be limited to specific times of the year based on reducing impacts to nearby wildlife and overwater work for the new bridge. The project is anticipated to have no net loss of ecological function of the regulated shoreline areas as required by state, federal, and local regulations. Studies submitted include a Bridge Geotechnical Report, Vegetation and Wildlife Discipline Report, Critical Areas Report, Stream Discipline Report, Drainage Report, Endangered Species Act No Effect document, and NEPA Exemption. Construction work would begin in spring 2016 and last 12 months.

PROJECT LOCATION: Black River Riparian Forest in City of Renton and Fort Dent Park in City

of Tukwila

LEAD AGENCY: City of Renton

**Environmental Review Committee** 

Department of Community & Economic Development

The City of Renton Environmental Review Committee has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Conditions were imposed as mitigation measures by the Environmental Review Committee under their authority of Section 4-9-070D Renton Municipal Code. These conditions are necessary to mitigate environmental impacts identified during the environmental review process. Because other agencies of jurisdiction may be involved, the lead agency will not act on this proposal for fourteen (14) days.

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**PUBLICATION DATE:** 

January 15, 2016

DATE OF DECISION:

January 11, 2016

**SIGNATURES:** 

Gregg Zimmerman Administrator

Public Works Department

Date

Mark Peterson, Administrator

Fire & Emergency Services

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Date

Date

Terry Higashiyama, Administrator

Community Services Department/

Date

C.E. "Chip" Vincent, Administrator

Department of Community &

**Economic Development** 

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE-MITIGATED (DNSM) MITIGATION MEASURES AND ADVISORY NOTES

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Department of Community & Economic Development

**Planning Division** 

#### **MITIGATION MEASURES:**

- 1. The applicant shall provide any updated geotechnical report for the Black River Bridge which shall be submitted as part of required building permit application.
- 2. The applicant shall be required to comply with the recommendations included in the Draft Geotechnical Report-Black River Bridge, prepared by HWA GeoSciences Inc, dated February 24, 2015, Exhibit 9, or any updated geotechnical report created for the project.
- The applicant shall follow the bridge construction impacts avoidance measures as listed in Appendix C of the September 2015 No-Effects Determination for the Lake to Sound Trail – Segment A, Exhibit 27.
- The applicant shall follow the planting plan or an updated planting plan and monitoring and of the Final Critical Areas Study Appendix E, prepared by Parametrix, dated April 2015, Exhibit 6.
- 5. If any Native American grave(s) or archaeological/cultural resources (Native American artifacts) are found all construction activity shall stop and the owner/developer shall immediately notify the City of Renton planning department, concerned Tribes' cultural committees, and the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

#### **ADIVISORY NOTES:**

The following notes are supplemental information provided in conjunction with the administrative land use action. Because these notes are provided as information only, they are not subject to the appeal process for the land use actions.

PLAN Planning Review Land Use Version 1 | January 11, 2016
Engineering Review Comments Contact: Vicki Grover | 425 430 7291 | vgrover@rentonwa.gov
Recommendations: EXISTING CONDITIONS

Water service is not a requirement of this project.

Sanitary sewer is not a requirement of this project.

A Technical Information Report (TIR) was submitted, dated April 2015 and prepared by Parametrix. The project is exempt from water quality as the new impervious surface will not be pollution generating. The project is exempt from flow control when for a given Threshold Drainage Area (TDA); the 100 year peak runoff flow rate is within 0.1 cfs of the existing 100 year peak runoff flow rate. Testing of the runoff from the concrete recycling plant should be conducted prior to piping the flow into a wetland.

#### **General Comments**

- 1. All construction permits will require civil plans to include a TESC Plan and a SWPPP. Plans shall conform to the Renton Drafting Standards and be prepared by a licensed Civil Engineer.
- 2. A draft Geotechnical Report Lake to Sound Trail, Black River Bridge dated February 24, 2015 and authored by HWA Geosciences Inc. was submitted to the City of Renton (COR) on April 17, 2015. A "Final" geotechnical report will be required.
- 3. When construction plans are ready for review, please submit three (3) copies of the drawings, three (3) copies of the Drainage Report and permit application. What is the timing of the construction

phase? There are various recommendations for when and when not to be doing construction work based on various criteria from each of the reports.

### Planning Review Comments Contact: Kris Sorensen | 425 430 6593 | ksorensen@rentonwa.gov Recommendations: Planning:

- 1. RMC section 4 4 030.C.2 limits haul hours between 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday unless otherwise approved by the Development Services Division.
- 2. Commercial, multi family, new single family and other nonresidential construction activities shall be restricted to the hours between seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., Monday through Friday. Work on Saturdays shall be restricted to the hours between nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. No work shall be permitted on Sundays.
- 3. Within thirty (30) days of completion of grading work, the applicant shall hydroseed or plant an appropriate ground cover over any portion of the site that is graded or cleared of vegetation and where no further construction work will occur within ninety (90) days.
- Alternative measures such as mulch, sodding, or plastic covering as specified in the current King County Surface Water Management Design Manual as adopted by the City of Renton may be proposed between the dates of November 1st and March 31st of each year. The Development Services Division's approval of this work is required prior to final inspection and approval of the permit.
- 4. A National Permit Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit is required when more than one acre is being cleared.
- 5. The applicant may not fill, excavate, stack or store any equipment, dispose of any materials, supplies or fluids, operate any equipment, install impervious surfaces, or compact the earth in any way within the area defined by the drip line of any tree to be retained.



#### OF ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

#### ISSUANCE OF A DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE - MITIGATED (DNS-M)

POSTED TO NOTIFY INTERESTED PERSONS OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

PROJECT NAME:

LAKE TO SOUND REGIONAL TRAIL - SEGEMENT A

PROJECT NUMBER:

LUA15-000257, ECF, SSDP, S-CUP, S-V

LOCATION:

BLACK RIVER RIPARIAN FOREST IN CITY OF RENTON AND FORT DENT PARK IN

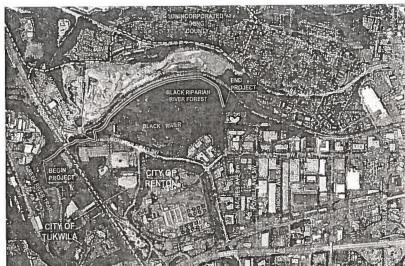
**CITY OF TUKWILA** 

DESCRIPTION: THE APPLICANT REQUESTS SEPA REVIEW, SHORELINE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, A SHORELINE VARIANCE, AND SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO IMPROVE AN EXISTING INFORMAL 1.2-MILE TRAIL INTO A NONMOTORIZED MULTI-PURPOSE ROUTE AND INCLUDES A NEW 114 FT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE BLACK RIVER. THE PROJECT IS "SEGMENT A" OF THE THE LAKE TO SOUND TRAIL, A CONTINUOUS 16-MILE-LONG REGIONAL CORRIDOR LINKING LAKE WASHINGTON TO PUGET SOUND. SEGMENT A TRAVELS THROUGH THE BLACK RIVER RIPARIAN FOREST FROM NACHES AVE SW IN CITY OF RENTON, CROSSING MONSTER RD SW, TO ARRIVE AT FORT DENT PARK IN CITY OF TUKWILA.

THE CITY OF RENTON ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC) HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION HAS PROBABLE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS THAT CAN BE MITIGATED THROUGH MITIGATION MEASURES.

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE RENTON HEARING EXAMINER AT HIS REGULAR MEETING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THE 7TH FLOOR OF CITY HALL, 1055 SOUTH GRADY WAY, RENTON, WASHINGTON, ON **FEBRUARY 16, 2016** AT 11:00 AM TO CONSIDER THE Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, Shoreline Conditional Use Permit. IF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION IS APPEALED, THE APPEAL WILL BE HEARD AS PART OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF RENTON, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT (425) 430-7200.

DO NOT REMOVE THIS NOTICE WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION

PLEASE INCLUDE THE PROJECT NUMBER WHEN CALLING FOR PROPER FILE IDENTIFICATION.